

**REMARKS**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed December 22, 2005, enclosed herewith is a listing of claims 1-18, which includes the text of all pending and withdrawn claims. The amendments to the claims presented in the Amendment filed on September 28, 2005 are repeated herein for the convenience of the Examiner.

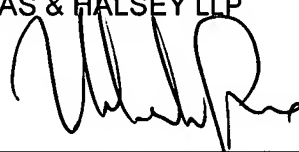
There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

STAAS & HALSEY LLP



By: \_\_\_\_\_

Uchendu O. Anyaso  
Registration No. 51,411

Date: January 12, 2006

1201 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 700  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
Telephone: (202) 434-1500  
Facsimile: (202) 434-1501